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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEE OF TEN

1. AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE SOWETO COMMITTEE OF TEN, A
RESOLUTION WAS PASSED REJECTING THE SAG'S
PROPOSED COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ACT. RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS THE PEOPLE OF SOWETO HAVING REJECTED THE POWERLESS
ADVICE TRIBUNALS AND ALL THAT IT REPRESENTS IN TERMS OF
ETHNICITY AND THE FRUSTRATIONS OF NATURAL GENIUS AND
CREATIVITY AND RESOURCEFULLNESS OF COMMUNITY AND
WHEREAS THE POINT IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE HISTORY OF
SOWETO IS REACHED WHERE THE NATURAL LEADERS AND THE TRUE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE OVER THE REIGNS
OF LEADERSHIP, AND

WHEREAS THE PEOPLE HAVE IN THE CLEAREST TERMS REJECTED
IN TOTO THE IMPOSED APPOINTEES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO DIRECT THE AFFAIRS OF
SOWETO IN THE INTERESTS OF THE REGIME AND NOT IN THE INTERESTS
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OF THE PEOPLE AND

WHEREAS THE PEOPLE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY BUT THOSE REPRESENTATIVES WHOM THEY CHOOSE AND IN WHOM THEY HAVE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST TO REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS AND TO DO THE THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SOCIAL ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF SOWETO AND
WHEREAS IT IS SELF EVIDENT TO EVEN THE MOST CASUAL OBSERVER

OF THE METROPOLIS OF SOWETO THAT DURING THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAD CONTROL OF THE CITY OF SOWETO THAT LITTLE OR NO FACILITIES WERE PROVIDED FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOWETO WHO NUMBER IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION AND WHEREAS THE PEOPLE OF SOWETO ARE NOT PREPARED TO ALLOW THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS TO CONTINUE TO THEIR DETRIMENT AND WHEREAS THE LACK OF PROPER MEDICAL FACILITIES INTER ALIA THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE OF SOWETO RANKS AMONGST THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD DESPITE THE THRIVING ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY WHICH IS BOLSTERED BY THE LABOUR OF THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS OF SOWETO AND WHEREAS THE ALMOST TOTAL LACK OF SUITABLE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THE CRIME RATE IN SOWETO HAS ESCALATED TO UNPRECEDENTED PROPORTIONS IN AS MUCH AS THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY THREE MURDERS A DAY IN SOWETO WHICH IS IN EXCESS OF ANY OTHER CITY COMPARABLE IN ITS SIZE IN THE WHOLE WORLD AND CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND VARIOUS OTHER CRIMES HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST INCIDENTS IN THE WORLD AND WHEREAS THERE IS A TOTAL NEGLECT OF PROPER LAYING OF ROADS, OF MECHADAMISING ROADS, OF PROVIDING PROPER GRASS VERGES AND PAVEMENTS, OF PROPER UPKEEP OF THE EXISTING ROADS DESPITE THE LARGE NUMBERS OF MOTOR TRAFFIC IN SOWETO AND THE ATTENDANT PAYING INTO THE COFFERS OF THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG AND THE MUNICIPALITY IN TERMS OF LICENCES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND WHEREAS THERE IS A GENERAL DIRTH OF PROPER FACILITIES FOR

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A POPULATION THE SIZE OF SOWETO WHO ARE THE TURNERS OF THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY AND THE PRODUCERS IN THE INDUSTRIALISED, SOPHISTICATED ECONOMY OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH IN TURN HAS A GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT WHICH IS MORE THAN THE WHOLE OF THE REST OF AFRICA COMBINED IN WHICH THE WORKERS OF SOWETO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART AND WHEREAS THE GENERATIONOF INCOME IN THE CITY OF SOWETO IS INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE PROPER FACILITIES FOR THE PEOPLE AND WHEREAS THERE IS ACOMMITMENT IN THE PEOPLE OF SOWETO TO RUN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE IN THEIR CITY AND FOR THE GREATER BENEFIT AND GOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA GENERALLY AND WHEREAS THE WILL AND DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE HAS SOLIDIFIED INTO A MASS STRENGTH WHO MAKE THEIR DEMANDS AS FOLLOWS:

IT IS NOW RESOLVED THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOWETO WILL FORMULATE AND CONTROL THE "SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY"; THAT BECAUSE OF THE HISTORY OF SOWETO AND ITS DIRTH OF FACILITIES IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE A FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO BRING UP THE CITY OF SOWETO TO A PROPER FUNCTIONING ENTITY WITH PROPER FACILITIES, ROAD-WORKS, HEALTH SERVICES,

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, SOCIAL AMENITIES, PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT, PLAYING-FIELDS, ACADEMIC TRAINING FACILITIES, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FACILITIES, AND ALL THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO CONINUE TO FUNCTION AS A PROPER MUNICIPALITY;
THAT GIVEN THE SPIRIT AND GOODWILL OF THE BLACK CONCEPT OF SHARING AND COMMUNALISM THAT THE AFFAIRS OF SOWETO MUST BE RUN BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOWETO SHOULD ELECT THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES;
THAT THIS MANIFESTO IS TAKEN TO THE PEOPLE AND THAT THEY SHOULD DECIDE ON THE WISDOM OF IT AND FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF THE ACTION PROGRAM AND ULTIMATELY FOR THE RUNNING OF THE AFFAIRS OF SOWETO. END TEXT.

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BEGIN TEXT: FIVE YEAR ACTION PROGRAM
IN ORDER TO RUN A CITY OF THIS COMPLEXITY AND SIZE OF SOWETO IT IS NECESSARY BEFORE THE SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNCTIONS AND BEFORE THEY COULD RUN AS A LOCAL AUTHORITY IT IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF SOWETO AND BECAUSE VERY LITTLE OR NO FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED IN THE MAIN FACETS OF A COMMUNITY IT IS FELT NECESSARY TO BRING SOWETO UP TO THE STANDARDS OF A COMMUNITY WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF AN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION PEOPLE AND WHICH FORMS AN IMPORTANT CONSTITUTENT PART OF THE LIFE-BLOOD OF THE WORKINGS OF THE INDUSTRY OF THE WITWATERSRAND WHICH IS THE MOST INDUSTRIALISED SECTION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND WHICH FORMS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE WORKINGS OF THE MINES AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL OUTPUTS IN TERMS OF MANUFACTURING IN THE INDUSTRIAL HEART OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE LEVEL COMMENSURATE WITH THE GENERATION OF INCOME INTO THE COFFERS OF A CITY THE SIZE OF SOWETO.

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THEREFORE TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF RAISING SOWETO TO A FULLY FLEDGED MUNICIPALITY WITH PROPER FACILITIES A PROGRAM HAS TO BE WORKED OUT WHICH DEALS FIRST OF ALL WITH THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF SOWETO IN ALL FACETS OF A COMMUNITY AS MENTIONED IN THE PREAMBLE HERETO AND A STUDY MUST BE MADE IN DETAIL OF WHAT IS REQUIRED AND THE COSTS INVOLVED IN PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FACILITIES AS FORESTATED. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THIS BEING A MAJOR UNDERTAKING REQUIRING A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH AND OF COSTING AND OF DATA PROCESSING THAT EITHER A TEAM OF PERSONS IN SOWETO BE ENGAGED FULL TIME FOR THE PERIOD REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A DOSSIER OF THE NEEDS OF SOWETO WHICH MAY BE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS IN WHICH TEN PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN GIVEN DIFFERENT PORTFOLIOS OR ALTERNATIVELY A FIRM OF TOWN PLANNERS BE ENGAGED AND A TERM OF REFERENCE HANDED TO THEM AS TO WHAT IS NEEDED OR FURTHER ALTERNATIVELY AN EXPERT BE BROUGHT IN FROM ONE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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OF AFRICA OR ABROAD TO PRODUCE A FEASIBILITY STUDY AS TO THE NEEDS OF SOWETO, THE STRUCTURING OF THE FINANCES ATTENDANT THEREUPON AND A TIME LIMIT BE GIVEN FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUCH A DOSSIER. ONCE THE NEEDS OF SOWETO ARE SET OUT IN DETAIL SUCH AS THE SITING OF ROADS, THE COST THEREOF, THE SITING OF HOSPITALS, THE NUMBER OF BEDS REQUIRED, THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS, NURSES, THE NUMBER OF CRECHES REQUIRED, THE NUMBER OF SPORTS FIELDS, THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS, TO NAME A FEW EXAMPLES, AND EXACTLY THE COSTING FOR EACH PROJECT, THE NEXT PHASE WOULD BE THE FINANCING OF THE VARIOUS PROJECTS THAT ARE NEEDED TO BE DEVELOPED OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD. THE NEXT PHASE IS THE RAISING OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM ONCE THE FEASIBILITY STUDY IS DONE AS ABOVE MENTIONED.

IT IS SUBMITTED THAT A COMMITTEE BE FORMED WHICH IS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM ANY COMMITTEE OF THE "SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY" WHICH IS CHARGED WITH THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF FRAMING A DOSSIER AS TO THE METHODS AND MOTIVATIONS THAT NEED TO BE ADOPTED TO RAISE THE NECESSARY FINANCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM OVER A PHASED PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. THE SUB-COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE OBTAINING OF FINANCES WILL BE GIVEN TERMS OF REFERENCES AS TO HOW MONEY SHOULD BE RAISED AND FROM WHICH ORGANISATIONS BOTH NATIONALLY, MUNICIPALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOWETO ARE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE BULK OF THE FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO COME DIRECTLY FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. THE OTHER BODIES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED ARE THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND MUNICIPAL BODIES. OUTSIDE OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AS MENTIONED ABOVE OTHER ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE UNCLASSIFIED

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AND THE INDUSTRIAL GIANTS OF SOUTH AFRICA WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AS PERSONS TO PLAY THEIR PART IN FULFILLING THE PROGRAMS OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN. ALSO TO BE CONSIDERED IS THE QUESTIONING OF RAISING FINANCES EXTERNALLY FROM THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, FROM INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. BECAUSE OF THE IMMENSITY OF THE PROBLEM AND THE LAGGING BEHIND OF FACILITIES IN SOWETO AND FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AFFAIRS A TARGET OF R5,000 MILLION RANDS IS SUGGESTED AS AN AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO BRING SOWETO UP TO THE LIVING CONDITIONS WHICH IS COMMENSURATE WITH THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF SOUTH AFRICANS, BEARING IN MIND THE WEALTH AND PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY. THE NEXT PHASE ONCE THE FUNDS ARE OBTAINED NO DOUBT IN VARIOUS AMOUNTS FROM DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS AND BODIES IS THAT THESE FUNDS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE "SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY" AS ENVISAGED WHO WOULD THEN CARRY OUT THE FIVE YEAR PLAN THROUGH THE VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AS SET OUT IN THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT DEALING WITH THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE "SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY". THE BASIC DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE "SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY" ARE TWO-TIERED OR PHASED IN THAT THE IMMEDIATE FUNCTION IS TO CONTINUE THE AFFAIRS OF SOWETO AS WE KNOW IT AND TO CARRY OUT WHATEVER FACILITIES THERE ARE AT PRESENT AND TO CONTINUE ITS FUNCTIONS. THE MORE IMPORTANT PHASE IS THE CAPITALISATION OF RESOURCES AND THE STRUCTURING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN DEPENDING UPON

THE NEEDS TO BRING UP SOWETO TO A PROPER FUNCTIONING
MUNICIPALITY OF A STANDARD COMMENSURATE WITH THE GENERATION
OF FUNDS AND THE CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY OF THE PEOPLE OF
SOWETO.

IT IS EVIDENT THEREFORE THAT THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF
SOWETO WOULD EITHER HAVE TO BE SUB-DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS,
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THAT IS, THE CAPITALISATION PARTS WHICH WILL BE DEALING
WITH THE FIVE YEAR PLAN AND A SEPARATE SECTION DEALING
WITH THE CONTINUATION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF SOWETO OF
TODAY. ACCORDINGLY FINANCES WOULD HAVE TO BE SEPARATE
AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EACH SUB-COMMITTEE SHOULD BE
SEPARATE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE PERSONNEL FOR EACH
SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE TO BE SEPARATE AS WELL. END TEXT.
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